

LOOS BATTLE
SEE-SAWED

Germans Countered and Drove British Out at Some Points

LATTER CAME BACK AND REGAINED LINE

Official Report Says That the New Front Was Re-established

London, Aug. 17.—The Germans made two counter-attacks last night against the new British positions near Loos. They gained temporary success at some points, the war office announced to-day, but subsequently the British line was re-established.

The British official statement issued last night was as follows:

"The allied attacks delivered early in the morning on a front of nine miles north of the Ypres-Menin road have been continued during the day in the face of strong enemy resistance.

"On the left the French troops, advancing on both sides of the Zuydschoot-Dixmude road, drove the enemy from the tongue of land between the Yser canal and Marjewaart and captured the bridgehead of Dreighechten.

"In the center the British troops rapidly captured their first objective and, continuing their advance, carried the village of Langemark after heavy fighting. They then forced their way forward for a distance of half a mile beyond the village and established themselves in the German trench system which constituted their final objective for the day.

"On our right there has been fierce and intense fighting since the early morning for the possession of the high ground north of the Menin road. The enemy disputed our advance with determination, counter-attacking with large forces. As the result of the counter-attacks the enemy succeeded during the afternoon, at great cost, in pressing back our troops in this area from part of the ground won earlier in the day.

"This evening further enemy counter-attacks in this neighborhood were broken up by our artillery fire.

"The number of prisoners taken by the allies in the course of this attack cannot yet be ascertained, but over 1,800, including 38 officers, already have been brought in. A few German guns also were captured.

"Our troops made further progress this afternoon east of Loos. The number of troops we captured on this front since the opening of our attack yesterday has now reached a total of 806, including 22 officers."

FRENCH PUT DOWN COUNTER-ATTACKS

Completely Repulsed German Efforts On the Steenbeke River in Belgium—Verdun Battle Breaks Out Afresh.

Paris, Aug. 17.—The Germans last night attacked the new positions gained by the French on the Steenbeke river in Belgium. The war office announces that they were repulsed completely. Vigorous German assaults on the Aisne front were also beaten back.

Th Germans also made a violent attack on the Verdun front. They gained a footing in the French advanced positions at some points but were ejected by a counter-attack. It has been established, the statement says, that the losses of the Germans from August 13 to August 17 in the vicinity of Craonne plateau were particularly heavy.

BRITISH AIRMEN RAIDED OSTEND

Admiralty Reports Successful Attack at Various Points in Belgium Held By Germans.

London, Aug. 17.—The admiralty announces the successful carrying out yesterday of a series of raids by aviators of the Royal Naval Air Service, who dropped many tons of bombs on military objectives in Belgium. The Ostend railway station and sidings and a railroad junction were attacked. The air-dromes at Chisteltes were bombed and several fires were observed. Attacks from the air were made on airbases at Engel and Uytkerke. All the airships returned safely.

CATHEDRAL BURNED.

Report Received in Ottawa Told of Vandalism at St. Quentin.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 17.—The correspondent of Reuter's limited, at French army headquarters in a message received at Reuter's Ottawa agency last night says:

"Smoke and flames were seen pouring from the roof of St. Quentin cathedral last evening from the French observation posts. All night the great building flamed and when day broke it was seen that the massive roof had fallen in, carrying with it the central tower. This afternoon I looked at the ruined shell of the ancient church. The fire was still burning and smoke was pouring out from the cathedral.

"The cathedral dated in some of its parts from the thirteenth century and contained some remarkably fine stained glass windows. The enemy set fire to two villages close to St. Quentin last night."

A BIG BOOK MART

Is Conducted in Home of Lady Battersea in London.

London, Aug. 17 (Correspondence of the Associated Press).—Opposite Marble Arch stands the home of Lady Battersea, which in pre-war days was the center of social activity. Now it is the headquarters of the Red Cross library and is run by Mrs. Gaskell and an army of voluntary assistants. The house is packed with books from floor to ceiling, they cover the walls, are piled up on tables and shelves, overflow into the servants' quarters and even into the stables at the back of the house.

Nearly 50,000 books a week are sent out to all parts of the world, and, in addition to gifts 100,000 books and magazines are purchased monthly. The tastes of the soldiers are remarkable, and an amazing light has been thrown on the matter of best sellers. Far away into the millions goes the demand for Nick Carter detective stories.

Every hospital in France, of which there are some 290, receives a parcel of 130 books every three weeks. Poetry is very largely in demand and ranges from Shakespeare to modern living poets. The colonial soldier has an insatiable curiosity and his chief demand is for the Encyclopedia Britannica in 40 volumes. No demand is refused whether it be for the latest handbook on oil engines, theosophy, poultry farming or boxing.

These parcels of books go forth to all parts of the world wherever the British soldier is fighting. Malta receives 7,000 per month, Basrah 9,000, Alexandria 3,000, Salonika 2,000 and even units in East Africa, Italy and Russia are supplied. The admiralty requested the library to supply every sailor in the fleets with a book.

Urgent summons often are received and when Gallipoli was filling the hospitals a cable message came "send 25,000 books at once, light and good print." The other day a request came from Boulogne and within an hour and a half 3,000 books had been sent in response.

FOR SEA SAFETY

Device Invented to Cut Anchor Chains of Floating Mines.

Rotterdam, Netherlands, Aug. 17.—Experiments with a newly invented device intended to cut the anchor chains of floating mines and to prevent them from coming in contact with a vessel passing through a mine field, have been conducted here, it is claimed, with success. The contrivance was invented by Rear Admiral Goedhart of the Dutch navy.

It was affixed to a steamship of the Batavier line for a series of tests. The vessel steamed through a field of harmless mines with the result, it is asserted, that every mine which barred her course automatically was pushed aside and its anchor chain cut.

The invention consists of a steel prolongation of the ship's bow, which is easily hoisted or stowed away. It extends 18 feet under the water and is designed to push the mine anchoring chains or cables aside to a distance of 15 feet from either side of the vessel. At that point the cables or chains are clipped and the liberated mine rises to the surface 15 feet from the vessel's side. Having once been passed safely, the plan is to explode the floating mine by shooting at it.

After the clipping of the chain of one mine the apparatus is intended to become ready to deal with the next.

RUSSIANS LOSE A DESTROYER

The Warship Was Following a Squadron of Destroyers, One of Which Carried the Minister of Marine.

Petrograd, Aug. 17.—The Russian torpedo boat destroyer Lieutenant Bourakoff has been sunk by a German mine in the Baltic. It was following a squadron of destroyers, one of which was Lieutenant Lebedeff, minister of marine.

OFFICERS ARE ASSIGNED.

To Command of Divisions in National Guard and National Army.

Washington, Aug. 17.—Thirty-two major-generals are assigned in a war department order made public last night to command the National Guard and National Army divisions of the war armies. On the list are all of the present regular departmental commanders, including Major-General Leonard Wood, ranking officer of the service, to command the 89th division (National Army). All are called upon for duty in the field and probably at the front in France.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Samuel Carriere Formerly a Resident of Westerville.

The Springfield, Mass., Republican of Aug. 16 had the following: "Mrs. Margaret Carriere, wife of Samuel Carriere, who was found dead in his room, arrived in town yesterday in response to a telegram sent by the local police to the police of Barre, Vt., asking that they make an endeavor to find her. She was located in Westerville, Vt., a town a short distance from Barre.

"Mr. and Mrs. Carriere were married nine years ago, and for five years lived together in Westerville, where Mr. Carriere had a farm. They have two children, Alice and Leo. Four years ago Mr. Carriere left his wife, and she had heard nothing of his whereabouts until a short time ago, when she learned that he was in this vicinity. Unfortunately Mrs. Carriere has not sufficient funds to bury her husband, and as he left nothing he will be buried at the town's expense. The funeral arrangements have not been completed, but burial will be in White church cemetery."

RUSSIA GETS "SECOND WIND"

General Korniloff Says Moral Fighting Capacity of Army is Strengthened

PREDICTS OFFENSIVE ON A LARGE SCALE

Also Declares There Will Be Another Winter Campaign

Petrograd, Aug. 17.—Lieutenant-General Korniloff, commander-in-chief, in an interview to-day said that in consequence of the energetic measures the moral fighting capacity of his army has been constantly strengthened and he hoped for a complete regeneration of the Russian forces.

General Korniloff predicted operations on a vast scale on the Rumanian front and elsewhere, especially in the north where he indicated that there was a possibility of combined land sea actions. He expressed the opinion that another winter campaign is inevitable.

ODD FELLOWS' GRAND SIRE.

Was Entertained at Large Gathering in Burlington Last Night.

Burlington, Aug. 17.—Odd Fellows and their Rebekah wives from most of the large communities in the state came to town yesterday to see and hear Frank C. Goudy of Denver, Col., grand sire of the sovereign grand lodge of the Odd Fellows of America. The plans of the joint committee of Hamilton and Green Mountain lodges went all awry, when the national head of the order came by car with Grand Secretary Frank W. Jackson of Barre, who picked him up at Montpelier Junction. The lodges of Odd Fellows and Rebekahs and Lafayette Canton had arranged to escort the grand sire and visiting grand lodge officers from the station, when they arrived.

The grand sire came to Vermont from Maine. Before that he had made an official visit to New Hampshire, to which he came from Canada, where he visited the grand lodge of Ontario at Toronto. It was his first official visit to Vermont or New England, but two or more of his predecessors have visited the state officially.

He did not reach the city with the grand officers until about 8:20. The members of Antonia and Beatrice Rebekah lodges served a buffet lunch from 8 to 9 o'clock, at which the grand sire made a public speech. He said among other things that no lodge of Odd Fellows could hope to flourish without the aid of the Rebekah lodge. He was glad, he declared, to see the national emblem, with which the hall was decorated. There was nothing in Odd Fellowship contrary to the spirit of patriotism. The grand sire told of how children, fatherless or motherless or orphans, were brought to the platform in Toronto. Their fathers were lost on the other side. The same thing might be expected by Odd Fellows of America before very long.

The rest of the grand sire's remarks, which were purely informal, were of a patriotic nature.

CHURCH 100 YEARS OLD.

Congregational Church at Lyndon Observes Anniversary.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 17.—The centennial of the Congregational church at Lyndon was observed Wednesday. The program opened at noon and continued through the evening. Arthur F. Stone was the principal speaker Wednesday night, his subject being, "The Faith of Our Fathers."

An historical address was given by the pastor, Rev. Robert Clark. A song service preceded the addresses. The afternoon was largely devoted to reminiscences.

Mrs. Charles T. Walter, whose father, the late Dudley P. Hall, was one of the early influential members of the church, read a paper dealing with the membership and the early activities of the parish.

Through the efforts of Mrs. E. B. Chase of Barre a centennial fund was established and generous contributions were made to it. Rev. W. C. Clark of Hardwick and Rev. A. S. Bole of East Hardwick were among the former pastors to assist in the program.

HARTNESS FOOD HEAD.

Springfield Man to Act for the State of Vermont.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—Appointment of 28 men as federal food commissioners in as many states was approved yesterday by President Wilson. Commissioners for the other states will be selected by the food administration within a few days.

The state commissioners will administer the food control bill insofar as it applies to state matters and will co-ordinate state food activities with those of the food administration. All of the men will serve without pay. The list includes:

Pennsylvania—Howard Heinz, Philadelphia; Vermont, James Hartness of Springfield.

German Reports Exaggerate Loss.

Paris, Aug. 17.—German official reports of merchant ships sunk by submarines are exaggerated 40 per cent, according to the results of a conference of admirals of the allied navies here here on July 23.

AUTO SMASHED INTO POLE.

One of the Occupants Was Taken to Rutland Hospital.

Rutland, Aug. 17.—William Freehan of Worcester, Mass., was so badly injured yesterday morning on the road between Brandon and Rutland, when the automobile in which he was riding "side swiped" a telegraph pole that he was taken in an unconscious condition to the Rutland hospital. Last evening he was somewhat improved and it was then believed that he was not suffering from concussion of the brain as was at first supposed.

Mr. Freehan was one of a party of four, the other members of which were Dennis A. Donovan of Millbury, Mass., owner of the car, a seven passenger Hudson, his sister, Miss H. L. Donovan of Millbury, and Miss Pauline G. Wright of Worcester. The party was on the way from Burlington to Rutland when the accident happened. According to Mr. Donovan, who drove the automobile, there is no reasonable explanation of the car having left the road, as there was no obstruction. He only realized the danger at the moment of the collision he said.

Mr. Freehan, who sat on the side of the car that struck the pole, was the only person hurt. Soon after the accident, Dr. W. W. Townsend of Rutland arrived on the scene, on his way to Burlington by motor, and rendered first aid. The J. B. Stearns ambulance was called and brought Mr. Freehan to the hospital. The rest of the party came to Rutland in the Donovan car which run on its own power.

The body of the car is practically ruined although the damage is apparently most on the side that collided with the pole. The windshield was broken, the framework of the top was demolished, a mud guard was bent and both doors were torn off.

SOLDIER BOYS AS GUESTS.

At Bennington Celebration of Bennington Battle Day.

Bennington, Aug. 17.—A military air was evident yesterday, the anniversary of the Battle of Bennington, by the presence in the village of over fifty Bennington county boys who have enlisted in the 1st Vermont regiment and who were in town on their last leave of absence before the regiment is to entrain for the cantonment at Charlotte, N. C.

The young soldiers in charge of Capt. Baker of Co. K and Lieut. Leon Boyd of the quartermaster's department, the latter a former resident of Bennington, arrived here on the early morning train. In the forenoon they were given the position of honor in the annual parade of the village fire department and were loudly cheered all along the line of march which took in the principal streets of the village.

In the afternoon they formed at Putnam square and marched to Hunt's park to take part in the annual field day of the Father Matthew Temperance and Benevolence association. They will remain in town until to-night, when they will leave in order to report for reveille at Fort Ethan Allen Saturday evening.

KNOCKED DOWN BY LIGHTNING

Twelve Soldiers Were Rendered Unconscious Near Schenectady.

Schenectady, N. Y., Aug. 17.—During a heavy thunder storm yesterday afternoon a bolt of lightning struck three of the tents of the 11th U. S. infantry, formerly the 2d New York infantry, in Camp Mohawk, a short distance west of Schenectady, and knocked 12 of the soldiers unconscious. The bolt entered one of the tents in the street of Company G of Gloverville, destroyed three of the rifles stacked inside and knocked out eight members of that company. From there the bolt entered one of the tents of Company F of this city, just south of Company G, and two men were struck. On the other side of Company G is the street of Company H of Amsterdam, and one man there was made unconscious. The lightning tore through the three streets crossways, striking one tent of each of the three companies mentioned.

GUARDSMAN ARRESTED.

Company I Man, Joseph Powers, Was Absent Without Leave.

Brattleboro, Aug. 17.—Joseph Powers, a member of Co. I, left yesterday for Fort Ethan Allen. He was taken into custody yesterday afternoon by the police and turned over to Sheriff C. E. Mann, who had been requested by Capt. E. W. Gibson to apprehend him as absent without leave.

Powers displayed a marriage license which he had obtained here a short time before his arrest and said, as an excuse, that he had been unable to obtain leave of absence and desired to be married before leaving for a southern camp. Sheriff Mann telegraphed Capt. Gibson who requested that the young man be put on the train and told to report. Edward Larrow, son of Frank A. Larrow, a liverman of Brattleboro, who was with Powers, has not been apprehended. He is also a member of Co. I.

A "PROTECTIVE MATRON."

Has Been Engaged to Work in Burlington.

Burlington, Aug. 17.—Miss Edith McCully of New York City has been appointed protective matron for Burlington at a salary of \$75 per month. Miss McCully, who is expected to arrive in Burlington in a few days, has been engaged in social work at the Bedford, Mass., reformatory and has been a probation officer at Hamilton, O.

Miss McCully will not have the power to arrest, but will report cases where such action is necessary to Chief Russell, and the field designated for her to "cover" will include the wharves, parks, etc., looking especially after children under 12 years of age, and women.

WILSON NOW HAS POPE'S MESSAGE

Series of Important Conferences With Lansing Is to Follow

ALLIES WILL ALSO BE INTERROGATED

Lloyd George's Speech is Taken to Indicate Allies' Position

Washington, D. C., Aug. 17.—President Wilson and Secretary Lansing soon will begin a series of important conferences preliminary to a response to be made to the pope's message. Before the communication goes forward the views of the entente governments on the subject will be ascertained. This, necessarily, will take some time owing to the delays in transmitting messages by cable.

The text of the note which the state department received by cable from London late yesterday is now before the president and he probably will give it close study before taking up the subject with Secretary Lansing.

In official and diplomatic circles here to-day Lloyd George's speech is regarded as voicing the views of the allies as to any discussion of peace. His accounting of the food supplies and shipping situation, as affected by the submarine war fare, is also regarded as indicative of Great Britain's position and strong attitude.

MORE NEW CITIZENS

Were Started on the Way at Graniteville Thursday.

At Graniteville yesterday afternoon Clerk Fred S. Platt of the United States court granted first citizenship papers to eight applicants and 11 more appeared to request the government to grant the final papers. Clerk Platt and his assistants are in South Ryegate on naturalization work to-day and he will leave to-night for his home in Rutland.

Those granted their first papers yesterday were Thomas Joseph Staples, Canada, Websterville; Jonathan Stewart, Scotland, Graniteville; Alfred Tonsignant, Canada, Graniteville; Albert Conhorneau, Canada, Graniteville; William Horlock, England, Graniteville; Donald A. Morrison, Canada, Graniteville; Willie Malcolm McLeod, Canada, Graniteville; Patrick O'Farrell, Canada, Graniteville.

Those who applied for the second papers were as follows: Frank Belcher, Russia, Graniteville; Robert Gray, Canada, East Barre; Michael Donahue, Canada, Graniteville; Charles Joseph Kunigowski, Russia, Graniteville; Michel Gaccione, Italy, Graniteville; Louis Boucher, Canada, Websterville; Joseph Bishop, Canada, Graniteville; Robert Storey Dalgleish, Scotland, Graniteville; Heibert Gilliver, England, East Barre; John William Gilliver, England, Websterville.

ROOMS ARE NEEDED

For the Annual Convention of Cemetery Superintendents.

As is generally known, the 1917 annual convention of the National Association of American Cemetery Superintendents is to be held in Barre, Aug. 28, 29, 30 and 31. On that occasion there will be several hundred out-of-town delegates, including their ladies, in Barre. These delegates are coming to Barre from nearly every state in the union and from some parts of Canada. It is up to the people of Barre to show our guests Barre's true hospitality and extend to them a reception and entertainment such as all Barre citizens will be proud of. Barre's hotels will do their best, but these hotels have not sufficient rooms to accommodate all the delegates, consequently, it has been decided to ask all citizens of Barre, who can, to show their hospitality in allowing these delegates the use of one or more rooms in your home for these four days. The room committee was instructed to furnish 250 rooms. It will greatly facilitate the work of the room committee if you will personally see, write or telephone any member of the following committee your willingness to assist by furnishing a room, otherwise the committee will be obliged to personally call at your house.

DIED ON VISIT IN BARRE.

Mrs. Kenneth McRae of Port Arthur, Ont., Passed Away To-day.

The death of Mrs. Kenneth McRae of Port Arthur, Ont., occurred at the City Hospital this forenoon at 11 o'clock. Mrs. McRae came to Barre a fortnight ago for a visit with her sister, Mrs. George Stewart of 10 Warren street, being accompanied by her younger daughter, Miss Elizabeth McRae. A week later she was taken seriously ill and Wednesday night her condition became so grave that she was removed to the hospital, where an operation was performed. Besides her sister and daughter, already mentioned, she leaves her husband and an older daughter, Miss Jessie McRae, in Port Arthur. Surviving also are two brothers, one of whom is in Port Arthur, having returned recently from France, where he served in the Canadian army, and a brother living in England. A sister, who lives in Port Arthur, also survives.

STRIKE AT QUINCY.

And an Attempt to Keep It from Spreading.

Boston, Aug. 17.—The state committee on public safety conferred yesterday with representatives of the Fore River Shipbuilding corporation and its employees in an effort to prevent the extension of a strike at the plant in Quincy.

Two hundred machinists employed by a construction company which is erecting new buildings for the Fore River plant struck Wednesday, asserting that the construction company was unfair to organized labor.

Union men in the direct employ of the Fore River corporation recently have expressed dissatisfaction over working conditions, and a meeting of union agents to consider the situation was called for yesterday.

SUITOR AGAIN PRESIDENT.

Barre Man Chosen Labor Union Head in Vermont.

Barre and Montpelier delegates and officers, who have been attending the annual convention of the Vermont branch of the American Federation of Labor, returned early this morning. Delegates and officers alike speak highly of the entertainment provided by the Rutland union men and are unanimous in describing the convention as one of the most successful in years. Fred W. Sutor of Barre, secretary-treasurer of the quarryworkers' international association, was re-elected president of the state federation for the fourth time and the delegates paid tribute to his worth as a leader by presenting Mr. and Mrs. Sutor a half-dozen silver knives and forks. The presentation took place at the closing session yesterday afternoon, the speech being made by William Standcombe of the New England label conference. Alexander Ironside of this city was re-elected corresponding secretary, a capacity in which he has served faithfully for several years.

The new roster of officers is as follows: President, Fred W. Sutor of Barre; vice-presidents, A. W. Rorochers of St. Johnsbury, John Mason of Burlington, F. W. Dignan of Rutland, Dennis Reblan of Bellows Falls, Charles H. Regan of Montpelier, M. P. Sullivan of Graniteville; corresponding secretary, Alexander Ironside, Barre; financial secretary and treasurer, Nelson A. Malmgren of Rutland; state organizer, George Wilkins of Burlington.

Twenty-nine delegates were present, and among the guests present who spoke during the convention were: James Roach, an organizer for the A. F. of L.; William Standcombe of the New England label conference, Benjamin Abrahams of the united garment workers, Joseph T. Walsh of the bakers and confectioners. At the banquet the speakers included Gov. Graham, Senator Chalmers of Rutland county, Rep. Fenton of Rutland, and Robert W. Simonds, state commissioner of industries. Among the pleasure features of the gathering were a lawn party for the delegates and their wives and a trolley ride to Lake Bomoseen, where a steamer was waiting to take the visitors around the lake.

Delegates present from this vicinity were: John Carriek of the Barre plumbers, M. P. Sullivan of the Graniteville quarryworkers, Frank Shanahan of Montpelier, James Gall of the Barre granite-cutters, William Reid of the Montpelier granitecutters, and Charles H. Regan of the street car operators.

Important phases of the labor situation in Vermont were discussed and the resolution in which the state federation gave its support to President Wilson was loudly acclaimed.

FUNERAL OF BOY VICTIM.

Many Floral Tributes at Service for Umberto Saldi, Fatally Killed by Horse.

The funeral of Umberto Saldi, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Saldi of 11 Second street, whose death Wednesday morning followed injuries received when a horse kicked him Tuesday, was held at the home Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Because of the quarantine restrictions, not all of the friends of the lad were permitted to attend. Those who acted as bearers were: Americo Giudici, Pietro Gherardi, Rizzieri Gherardi and Ugo Carusi. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery on Beckley street.

Among those who contributed to a profusion of flowers were the following people: Family, "Il nostro Carlo," pillow; Mr. and Mrs. A. Saldi, "nostro nipote," heart; Eugene Carusi, Fedeli Galli, Aldo Fontana, Aldo Vanetti, Orlando Rossi, Achille Sandri, Gino Sandri, companions of the deceased; Mr. and Mrs. Jurras, Mr. and Mrs. G. Dindo, the Pellegrini family, Mrs. Jennie Bizzozzerio, Frank Galli and family, Incien Rossi, Olga Carusi, Mr. and Mrs. Rossi, Lucy Galli, Emma Elmo, Angelo Monti, Lovi and Rita Fontana, Armando Monti, Ida Formenti, Bernardina family, Olga Zamperli, Mr. and Mrs. D. Giudici, Aldo Leoni, Mr. and Mrs. Gherardi and family, deaconess, one bouquet, donor unnamed.

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The barn on the Fairbanks property was so located as to make access to it very difficult in the downpour. It was necessary to run hose from Western avenue across the Fairbanks grounds for several hundred feet to get a stream on the building, from which the flames were by this time leaping high in the air. After a few moments' work three heavy streams of water were pouring a deluge into the blazing buildings, which, filled with hay, burned with fury.

One stream was directed on an adjacent barn, within fifteen feet of the burning building, with the result that this property was saved from more than a wetting down. The excited crowds aided the firemen in their work, and in a short time the blaze was under control. The loss was placed at \$15,000.

THE OTHER FIRES.

Lightning struck the barn of George Gray in which were tied 60 head of cattle, including many head of registered stock. Heroic efforts resulted in the saving of all but three of the animals. These were young registered bulls and highly valued. Farm machinery and implements were hauled to safety by willing hands, and the village fire department managed to save the homestead.

The loss of the barn, the newly cut hay, and the cattle, is the highest individual total of the night, approximately \$15,000.

The barn owned by Fred Winn, situated in the eastern section of Danville, was struck by lightning about the same time as the Fairbanks building. One horse, stabled in the building, was killed, it is thought, by the bolt of lightning which started the fire. The barn was totally destroyed, although great efforts were made to save the property. The fire fighters were able to save the house and other buildings on the farm, but Winn's loss in hay and other property destroyed will be heavy. It was impossible to estimate the approximate loss, but it is expected the damage will approach \$2,000.

FIERY DARTS STRUCK BARNS

Worst Storm of the Year About St. Albans and St. Johnsbury

SIX BARNS BURNED WITH MUCH HAY

Fairbanks Scale Factory in St. Johnsbury Placed Jeopardy

St. Albans, Aug. 17.—The most severe electrical storm of the year visited this section at 4 o'clock this morning, and thus far the losses by fire on two farms have been reported. Whether there were other fires or not is not known as the telephone service was badly crippled. For an hour there was almost one constant flash of lightning and an almost continuous roar of thunder.

On the M. L. Corliss farm on the Kellogg road in St. Albans Town lightning struck a large hay barn and destroyed it together with its contents. The barn was filled to its capacity with hay, probably between 40 and 50 tons. The loss is estimated at \$1,500, with only a small insurance.

A hay and cow barn on S. Allen Soule's farm in Fairfield was struck at 4 o'clock and that with most of its contents was destroyed by fire. Another barn attached to it and a building used as a tool house were also burned. In the large barn were between 50 and 60 tons of hay. That was lost, as was also a double wagon. Some hogs in the barn were saved. The cattle were out to pasture, the men having just started to drive them in. The tool house contained a cream separator and a quantity of lumber. By hard work on the part of the neighbors two other large barns were saved. The loss is not known at this time, but it is understood there was a small insurance.

THREE BARNS BURNED IN OR NEAR ST. JOHNSBURY

Electrical Storm Burst Over the Section with Great Fury Last Night—Fairbanks Factory Was Endangered.

St. Johnsbury, Aug. 17.—In the height of the worst electrical storm of the season, lightning last night struck at three points in this section, causing fires which destroyed three barns, killed several head of live stock, caused an approximate property loss of \$20,000, and for a time so dangerously threatened the Fairbanks scales factory, when an adjacent barn was destroyed, that excited hundreds, fearing possible loss of employment, ran pell mell to the scene through the downpour of rain that accompanied the electrical storm. With the aid of a high but favorable wind, the fire department, responding in record time to the call, prevented the spread of the flames to the buildings on the Henry Fairbanks estate, and damage to the factory.

The telephone service was so interfered with that it was impossible for a time to gain information, and it was thought that the entire Fairbanks village section was burning, so widely did the glare of the flames spread.

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